



NEW MICRO TRANSIT RIDE SERVICE COMING IN AUGUST

(courtesy of the Newark Post)

A new government-run micro transit service will launch in Newark on Aug. 7, allowing customers to summon a bus to pick them up and take them anywhere in the city for \$2. On Monday, city council approved the new service, which officials say will be more efficient than current options and open more areas of the city to public transit. Called DART Connect Newark, the service will work like ride-share services like Uber and Lyft. It will run weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and service the entire city, Brookside and immediately surrounding areas.

Customers will be able to open the app and order a ride within 20 minutes, and a bus will be dispatched to pick them up at their house, workplace or another location and take them to their destination, if both locations are within the service area. Those without a smartphone can call DART to schedule a ride.

The cost will be \$2 for a one-way ride. Students will pay \$1, and seniors will pay 80 cents. Daily passes will be \$4, weekly passes will be \$16, and monthly passes will be \$60. "It should be a win-win," Mayor Stu Markham said. "Not only should we get a better bus service, we should actually get less traffic downtown, which means we'll have less parking issues downtown."



If DART Connect Newark is successful, DART and the city will consider expanding its service area and hours of operation. In public meetings and surveys, many participants said they wished the service area included Christiana Hospital and other medical offices on Chestnut Hill Road. Newark Connect will be funded and run solely by DART. It will cost DART approximately \$500,000 a year, though that cost will be offset by user fees and advertising on buses.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGE

Due to the Good Friday holiday, recycling normally collected on Friday, April 7 will be collected on Thursday, April 6. Recycling normally collected on Thursday, April 6 will be collected on Wednesday, April 5. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, April 5.

Please contact the City of Newark Public Works & Water Resources Department at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.



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NEWARK PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER CAMP & PROGRAM FAIR

Join us for our Annual Newark Summer Camp and Program Fair on Saturday, April 1 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at White Clay Creek State Park in conjunction with the Egg Hunt. Representatives will be on hand to showcase camps throughout the Newark area and answer any questions you may have. We will highlight all our summer camps as well as spring and summer programs for youth and adults and much more. This is a great opportunity for parents to speak to camp staff and coordinators for more information or sign up for camps. We will provide a “one stop shop” for families so you can register for our activities on site! We will have fun activities and crafts for the kids – so bring the whole family. **State park fees will be in effect.** In case of inclement weather the camp fair will be held on Sunday, April 2 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.”

EGG HUNT

Newark's annual egg hunt is a spring time family tradition. Parents watch, and in some cases help, their children hunt for plastic eggs filled with goodies to celebrate the Easter season. The hunt will be held at White Clay Creek State Park's Carpenter Recreation Area on Saturday, April 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All children should bring a basket or bag to collect their goodies. **State Park fees will be in effect.**

Hunt Schedule:

Walking - 2 years	10:00 a.m.
3 & 4 years old	10:00 a.m.
5 & 6 years old	10:30 a.m.
7 - 9 years old	10:30 a.m.

If weather is questionable the day of the hunt, call the Parks and Recreation Department's Leisure Time Hotline at (302) 366-7147 after 9:00 a.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 2, beginning at 2:00 p.m. for walking - 4 years old and 2:30 p.m. for ages 5-9. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or visit www.newarkde.gov/play.



SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR PACKAGES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Sponsorship & Vendor Packages for the Newark Parks and Recreation 2023 events are now available at www.newarkde.gov/play. Please call (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us for more information or to be added to the sponsor and vendor mailing list.

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER DAY

Join us for the Spring Community Clean Up & Earth Day Volunteer Day, held in conjunction with the Christina River Watershed Clean Up on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This event will include cleaning up specific areas along the Christina River watershed and trimming and planting trees and shrubs to protect the streams. Grab your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers and come make Newark beautiful. Single volunteers, groups, and families are encouraged to participate. All participants must register individually at www.newarkde.gov/play. **Children ages 5 and up are welcome but must always be accompanied by a parent/guardian.** Volunteers ages 14 and over may volunteer independently. Individuals and volunteer groups (of 15 or less) will be assigned a cleanup location after registration and can report directly to that location the day of the event. One member of the group will be responsible for picking up the group's supplies at the Municipal Building before heading to the cleanup location. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksvolunteers@newark.de.us.

ARBOR DAY VOLUNTEER DAY

Join us for an Arbor Day Volunteer Day planting trees at Karpinski Park on Friday, April 28 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Single volunteers, groups, and families are encouraged to participate. All participants must register individually at www.newarkde.gov/play. Children ages 5 and up are welcome but must always be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Volunteers ages 14 and over may volunteer independently. Pre-registration is required. Tools will be provided. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksvolunteers@newark.de.us.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy the fabulous music of local musicians as the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department once again hosts the Spring Concert Series. Concerts will be held Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting) starting May 4 and running through June 8. Grab a bite to eat and do some shopping on Main Street then join us for an evening of fun on the Academy Building lawn. A beer garden, supported by Hamilton's on Main, will also be available every Thursday in conjunction with the Spring Concert Series from 6 – 9 p.m. on Academy Street. All proceeds will benefit Aetna Hose, Hook, and Ladder.

WELCOME TO THE CITY!

The City of Newark is welcoming new faces to our workforce. The new employees include:

Avery Cook, Police Officer, Police Department, 03/13/2023

Anthony Cacciavillani, Police Officer, Police Department, 03/13/2023

Kevin Conner, Police Officer, Police Department, 03/13/2023

Kenneth Daring, P/T Facilities Maintenance Custodian, Administrative Department, 03/27/2023